

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Bullock County

Alabama · Union Springs · FIPS 01011 · Population 9,901 ·  
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)
Ala. Code §22-20-5.1 (AL cottage food law)	Good	—

CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
MEDIUM	2026-05-06

**IMPORTANT – NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

**Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision.** Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

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### QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only within Alabama. Must complete ADPH-approved food safety course. Must submit cottage food review form to Bullock County Health Department.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not specified in state statute.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (No state requirement. Bullock County is very rural with minimal local regulatory infrastructure. No county-level home occupation ordinance found.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Cottage food operations not subject to routine inspection per §22-20-5.1(b).)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only within Alabama. Must complete ADPH-approved food safety course. Must submit cottage food review form to Bullock County Health Department.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not specified in state statute.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Not specified in state statute.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Not specified in state statute; covered by food safety course.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Not specifically regulated.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Cottage food operations not subject to routine inspection per §22-20-5.1(b).
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — No state requirement. Bullock County is very rural with minimal local regulatory infrastructure. No county-level home occupation ordinance found.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Yes
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct to consumer only within Alabama.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

### Relevant county code

Ala. Code §22-20-5.1

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Bullock County is a very small, rural county in central Alabama. State law governs cottage food. No county-level overrides found. Producers must submit review form to Bullock County Health Department.

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/bullock/>

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/cottage-food-law.html>

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**Questions?** Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alabama/bullock-county-discuss>

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Bullock County	Barbour County	Macon County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute.	Not specified in state statute; good practice recommended.	No specific state restriction; standard sanitation best practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct to consumer only within Alabama.	Direct to consumer only; in-person, phone, or online within Alabama. Delivery by producer or agent to consumers within state allowed.	Direct sales to consumers permitted in person, by phone, online, or via mail within Alabama. Delivery may be in person, by an agent, or by ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only within Alabama. Must complete ADPH-...	Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only (in-person, phone, or online within...	Must complete a state-approved food safety course (e.g., ACES course, \$25) before selling. Must file paperwork (food safety course certific...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated.	Not specifically regulated; non-PHF foods must maintain quality but no formal storage rules.	Non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be shelf-stable and not require time/temperature control for safety.
POPULATION	10,328	24,877	19,198

## State context — Alabama cottage food law

Bullock County’s rules sit on top of Alabama’s state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

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<b>STATUTE</b> Ala. Code §22-20-5.1	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> —
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Yes	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes (specific course)
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> No	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> Yes
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b> No — Indirect sales to grocery stores, restaurants, or wholesale are not permitted; producers may use an agent for delivery but cannot sell through retailers.	

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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Alabama cottage food law report](#).

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/code-of-alabama>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/cottage-food-law.html>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/alabama/>

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